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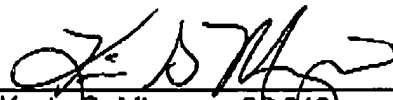
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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE****In The Title:**

[Interproser Extraction Tool] Interposer Extraction Tool

**In The Claims:**

Claim 11. (Amended)                      A tool for separating a first circuit board and a second circuit board comprising:

                    a piston having a first end and a second end, said first end having a grip handle thereon;

                    a handle slidably received on the piston;

                    a block;

                    compression means fixedly coupled to said block and said second end of said piston;

                    a first blade and a second blade fixedly coupled to said handle so that the blades are positioned between said [guide block] compression means and said block, said blade normally biased outwardly;

                    said handle having a first position and a second position relative to said block, in said first position said blades being biased outwardly and in said second position said block biasing said blade biased inwardly to engage the first circuit board.

**In The Abstract:**

A tool is provided for separating a first circuit board and a second circuit board to prevent the damage thereof. [In one aspect of the invention the] The tool includes a piston assembly and a handle. A first blade and second blade are coupled between the handle and the piston assembly. The first blade and the second blade are normally biased outwardly. The handle has a first position and a

second position relative to the piston assembly. In the first position the blades are biased outwardly and in the second position the piston assembly biases the blades inwardly to engage the first circuit board.

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